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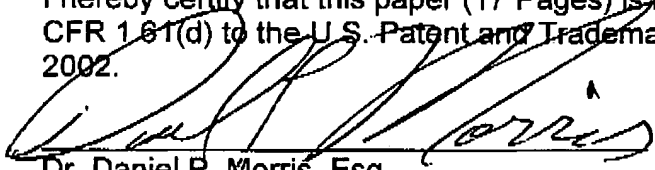
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MATERIAL USING A FOCUSED ULTRASHORT PULSED LASER BEAMAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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IN THE CLAIMS

~~Cancel claims 1-100.~~

Add claims 101-184.

101. (Added) A method for laser induced breakdown (LIB) of a non-biologic material
with a pulsed laser beam, the material being characterized by a relationship of fluence
breakdown at which breakdown occurs versus laser pulse width that exhibits a distinct
change in slope at a characteristic laser pulse width, said method comprising the steps
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